(b) whether the aggrieved employees have protested against the criteria adopted for retrenchment of staff;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Ministry of Law was consulted over the criteria that it does not violate the law of the land; and

(e) whether the whole office or part of it would be closed down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Railway Terminal in Uttar Pradesh

3491. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some parts of U.P. have not been connected with Rail terminal even after 35 years of Indian Independence;

(b) if so, the names of these places district-wise as on 15th December, 1992.

(c) whether Government propose to chalk out some programmes to connect these areas with rail terminals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof districtwise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Uttar Pradesh has a very extensive rail network totalling 8916 kms out of a total of 62,367 kms on Indian Railways. It will be appreciated that railways cannot serve each and every town & village and there would be numerous places in all districts which do not have railway stations. Listing all such places is just not possible. However, the following inportant towns not connected by rail earlier are now being provided with rail links in Uttar Pradesh; Goverdhan, Rudrapur, Haldi and Bilaspur.

Tenure for staff on Reservation-Cum-Booking Office

3492. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some tenure for staff working in reservation-cum-booking offices in gazetted and non-gazetted cadre has been fixed;

(b) if so, the details thereof with details of staff cadre-wise and station-wise over-staying;

(c) whether this norm of tenure is also applicable to staff working in Parliament House Reservation-cum-Booking offices;

(d) whether large number of staff either in Gazetted or non-Gazetted cadre working in Parliament House are over-staying;

(e) whether Government porpose to take any action to give opportunities to other staff to work in rotation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Certain identified categories of Railway employees holding sensitive posts and who frequently come into contact with public and/or Contractors/ Suppliers including those working in Reservation-cum-Booking offices are required to be transferred every four years.

The above tenure rules are normally adhered to, except in cases where employee are retained beyond the normal tenure in exigencies of service.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Rotational transfers of staff in the sensitive categories are carried out regularly. Since in the exigency of service, it may not always be possible to transfer all those who complete four years stay on a post/seat in one go, the

possibility of some staff working in the same place for more years is not ruled out. The position is, however, reviewed constantly and transfer of staff ordered in phased manner as considered administratively feasible.

Bandra railway station

3493. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report in the Pioneer dated 27th November, 1992 under the caption "Bandra railway station goes private";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the various observations made therein; and

(c) the details of action taken/proposed in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The continuance/extension of the experiment will depend upon its results. No decision for allowing commercial advertising on Pink City Express and Karnavati Express trains has been taken.

The proposal for commercial exploitation of space over Railway land at Bandra is still in conceptual stage.

Feasibility report of the Rajkot-Veraval broadgauge conversion

3494. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOMPAL:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the preparation processing of the feasibility report of the Rajkot-Veraval broadgauge conversion in Gujarat is over;

(b) what are the findings on the major aspects of the conversion with reference to total conversion expenses, length of the line of the conversion, time duration of the inclusion of the line in the plan and its completion and the likely income from this project to the Railways; and

(c) at what stage the project is being considered at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the survey done in 1988-89 are as under:-

Length	185 kms
Cost	84.45 crores
ROR	17.7%

(c) The project has been included in the list of works to be taken up under phase-I of the 'Project Unigauge' taken up by the Railways. The work on this project is likely to be taken up in the coming years subject to availability of resources.

Construction of overbridges in Madhya Pradesh

3495. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of overbridges sanctioned during the period 1984 to 1989 and 1989 to 1991 for the State of Madhya Pradesh by Government, with details thereof;

(b) how many of them have so far been completed and on how many of them the work is still going on with the details thereof;

(c) on how many sanctioned overbridges the work has not been started at all;

(d) what are the reasons for non completion of the construction of overbridges or for non starting of work; and

(e) by when Government propose to complete all the overbridges in the State?